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Food & Drug Administration
Department of Health & Human Services
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Re: Docket #98P-0203/CP

Dear FDA:

I hope you have made a decision to grant the above-referenced petition. If not, please do so as soon as possible. I understand that egg safety is a concern of the agency and that FDA is committed to addressing the problem of huge occurrences of Salmonella infections, which could be reduced by banning forced molting in laying hens.

Please also consider that most people, including myself, would not willingly support such barbaric treatment of these gentle, feeling creatures. That the average consumer is not aware of what goes on behind the egg-producing scenes leaves it up to you to look out for their health and interests, as well as those of the hens themselves. Again, if you have not done so already, please ban the forced molting of laying hens without delay.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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cc: United Poultry Concerns

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